Sector at the next (12th) Expert Group Meeting in Beijing in June 2002. Both sides will also do their best to complete the exchange of maps of the LAC in the Western Sector by the end of 2002, and will then begin the exchange of maps of the LAC in the Eastern Sector early next year.

Burning of Indian flag in Dhaka

2718. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the street protest against religious clashes in India, an Indian flag was burnt in Dhaka;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter on diplomatic level; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Bangladesh Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Our High Commission in Dhaka has strongly taken this up with the Government of Bangladesh.

Restriction on issuance of labour permit in UAE

2719. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the UAE authorities are proposing to impose restriction to issue labour permit to those foreigners who are not matriculate;

(b) whether Government are also aware that, if it is materialised, many Indian job seekers are likely to loose the employment opportunities in UAE; and

(c) whether Government consider to intervene in the matter and ensure the interests of job seekers from India in UAE?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The phasing out of the non Matriculate immigrants from the

UAE is part of the rationalization of the National Labour Policy by the Government of UAE. These steps are non discriminatory between different nationalities which provide the expatriate labour force to that country, and therefore, it would be difficult for India to advocate a change in their approach.

World Bank aided schemes for youth in Gujarat

2720. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are implementing World Bank aided schemes for the youth in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the role being played by the State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pensionary benefit scheme for unorganised workers

2721. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to launch a new pensionary benefit scheme for welfare of the workers in unorganised sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Employees Pension Scheme, 1995 framed under the provisions of the Employees' Provident Fund & Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 is already applicable to 180 industries/classes of establishments employing 20 or more persons. The Government is making concerted efforts to extend pension cover